

Dear Mr. Powell,

I do not believe that repealing the "cross-ownership" ban is in the public interest. An independent and competitive media is very important for the maintenance of factually true and non-partisan reporting. I don't believe that this law has been an unfair hindrance in limiting media profits, and I don't really understand the present push to repeal this. In my non-understanding, I can only believe that large media conglomerates, looking to make even more money, are pushing for the repeal of the cross-ownership ban. If there is no better reason than this for the repeal, please do not let it happen.

In some instances government regulation can hinder growth, competition, and profit with apparently no reason, and those regulations should be repealed. However, in this case, these regulations actually promote competition, by preventing the company with the most money from owning all of our media. This competition improves the quality, truthfulness, and diversity of opinion which make true democratic debate possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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